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**QUESTION:** Can you explain what Dr. Perry said about the slowdown of equipment and personnel to the Gulf?

**ANSWER:** Secretary Perry stated, "We're going to approximately 30,000 ground combat troops within a week in Kuwait regardless of what the Iraqis do. That level, give or take a thousand or two, that's the level from which we will be drawing down as the crisis gets resolved. I'd like that drawdown (of ground combat forces) to occur in a matter of weeks, not in matter of months. Forces that will stay in the area to help prevent future crises from arising will be primarily air forces. My present estimate is we will need to augment somewhat the air forces which have been here ...performing the Southern Watch operation."

**QUESTION:** Are Army, Air Force and Marine deployments to the Gulf on hold or slowed down?

**ANSWER:** see answer above

**QUESTION:** Have your plans changed on deploying the B-52 Bombers and F117s?

**ANSWER:** Secretary Perry noted earlier today that we would build up to a force of several hundred aircraft in the region, and although that figure would draw down somewhat, it would not draw down to the level of aircraft we had before the crisis began. The exact number and type of aircraft is yet to be determined.

**QUESTION:** Where is the additional unit that has been withdrawn being garrisoned?

**ANSWER:** Working

**QUESTION:** What was the final number of Iraqis along the southern border before they started to withdraw?

**ANSWER:** There were over 71,000 Iraqi troops in southern Iraq as of 11 October.

**QUESTION:** What is the Chain of Command for Iraqi operations?

**ANSWER:** General J.H. Binford Peay, USA, is the Commander in Chief of the US Central Command and responsible for operations in the theater.

**QUESTION:** What are the monthly costs of the operation in Haiti?

**ANSWER:** Working

**QUESTION:** Where are the Wasp and Nashville now?

**ANSWER:** The Wasp and the Nashville are in the vicinity of Cap Haitien as a contingency force.